

# 279TH BASE SUPPORT BATTALION

## COMMANDER'S POLICY

<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> 01-48	<b>DATE:</b> AUG 14 2003
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Bite/Scratch Incidents and Rabies Suppression	
<b>PROPONENT:</b> PMO (469-8817)	<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> A, B & C

**PURPOSE:** Establish procedures concerning any animal bite/scratch incident.

**SCOPE:** Applies to all pet owners and people bitten or scratched by animals.

**POLICY:**

1. All cases of animal bite/scratch will be referred immediately for treatment/evaluation either to the Bamberg Health Clinic (469-8741 or 0951-47666) or to the Bamberg Klinikum.
2. The Bamberg Health Clinic will notify the Bamberg Military Police of any animal bite/scratch incident.
3. Animals involved in bite/scratch incidents will be controlled as follows:
  - a. Pets involved in bite/scratch incidents will be reported to the Bamberg Veterinary Clinic for evaluation. If the animal is involved in a serious incident, the animal may be barred from the Bamberg German/American Military Community housing areas, or may be allowed out of the quarters only when muzzled.
  - b. The pet may be retained under positive home confinement when the owner can be identified and can produce proof of current rabies vaccination for the animal.
  - c. If the owner can not be located and a rabies vaccination can not be verified, the Military Police will coordinate transportation of the animal to the Bamberg Veterinary Clinic.
4. Pets kept in U. S. Government quarters will be vaccinated against rabies. Cats and dogs will be revaccinated annually. For information concerning rabies vaccination, contact the Bamberg Veterinary Clinic at 469-7972.
5. Pets will be registered with the local veterinarian within two weeks of arrival in the command. The owner must present evidence that the pet is currently vaccinated against rabies.
6. "Maximum Support - It Shall Be Done!"



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